

## **INTERREG IVA**

### **Monthly Progress Report to Programme Monitoring Committee 31 August 2009**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

It was agreed at the meeting of the INTERREG IVA Programme Monitoring Committee, 22 October 2008, that monthly progress reports would be provided to members. This is the eighth of these reports and is for the period up to 31 August 2009.

#### **2.0 Overview of Progress**

A total of 73 applications have been received plus 3 tenders under the Creative Industries sub theme for the INTERREG IVA Programme. To date, a total of twelve Steering Committees have taken place, recommending a total of 34 projects for approval to the value of €152.6million. As a result of this activity, a total of 18 Letters of Offer (LOO) have been issued.

#### **3.0 Progress on Implementation**

**Note:** Variations in amounts previously reported reflect negotiations that have occurred between the time of Steering Committee recommendation and issuing of the Letters of Offer; and the project values agreed by Steering Committee, comprising ERDF plus total eligible match.

##### **3.1 Priority 1 Theme 1 – Enterprise**

The position remains as:

A total of 11 projects with a value of €33,699,519 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €70,000,000. Nine Letters of Offer have been issued to date under this theme.

Table 1 below outlines the status of ten projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 1, Theme 1 by 31 August 2009.

**Table 1 – Projects Recommended for Approval– Priority 1, Theme 1 – Enterprise**

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer Issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
IBEC/CBI Joint Business Council (JBC)	IBEC/CBI JBC Programme 2007 – 2013	€1,745,462		LOO issued
Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT)	ICE	€2,479,370		LOO issued
Enterprise Northern Ireland	Tradelinks II		£2,983,950	Recommended for approval
North West Region Cross Border Group	NWRCBG Enterprise		£3,930,000	LOO issued
University of Ulster, Jordanstown	Success through Succession	€1,707,434		LOO issued
Northern Regional College	KITE	€3,198,076		LOO issued
East Border Region	EBR Enterprise	€5,179,040		LOO issued
COMET	Comet Enterprise		£2,283,680	LOO issued
Irish Central Cross Border Area Network	ICBAN Enterprise	€6,460,500		LOO issued
NEP	NEP Enterprise		£857,328	LOO issued
North West Regional College	I Factory		£1,699,257	Recommended for approval
<b>Total Value Approved</b>		€20,769,882	£11,754,215	
<b>Total Value Approved in EURO (exchange rate 1.1)</b>		€33,699,519		

Following the invitation to tender under the Creative Industries sub theme, three tenders were received and are currently undergoing assessment.

### 3.2 Priority 1 Theme 2 - Tourism

The position remains as:

A total of seven projects with a value of €29,337,931 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €30,000,000. Three letters of Offer have been issued to date under this theme, to ICBAN, COMET and the Loughs Agency.

Table 2 below outlines the seven projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 1, Theme 1 by 31 August 2009.

**Table 2 – Projects Recommended for Approval – Priority 1, Theme 2 - Tourism**

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
East Border Region	EBR Tourism Operation	€4,230,000		Recommended for approval
COMET	COMET Tourism Operation		£578,715	LOO Issued
Irish Central Cross Border Area Network	ICBAN Tourism Operation	€5,900,000		LOO issued
North West Region Cross Border Group	NWRCBG Tourism Operation		£2,825,000	Recommended for approval
North East Partnership	NEP Tourism Operation		£4,035,271	Recommended for approval
Donegal County Council	SailWest	€7,025,046		Recommended for approval
Loughs Agency	Marine Tourism & Angling Development	€4,000,000		LOO Issued
<b>Total Value Approved (but subject to change as highlighted)</b>		<b>€21,155,046</b>	<b>£7,438,986</b>	
<b>Total Value in EURO (exchange rate 1.1)</b>		<b>€29,337,931</b>		

### 3.3 Priority 2 Theme 1 – Collaboration

The position remains as:

A total of twelve projects with a value of €49,290,373 have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee against a budget of €65,000,000. Three Letters of Offer (Putting Patients First, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) (NI) and Ireland / Northern Ireland Cross Border Co-operation Observatory, Centre for Cross Border Studies and Small Ferries Strategic Plan, (CMAL Scotland) have been issued.

Table 3 below outlines the twelve projects that have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee in Priority 2, Theme 1 by 31 August 2009.

**Table 3 – Projects Recommended for Approval – Priority 2, Theme 1 – Collaboration**

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
East Border Region	EBR Collaboration Operation	€4,417,000		Recommended for approval
COMET	COMET Collaboration Operation		£1,901,595	Recommended for approval
Irish Central Cross Border Area Network	ICBAN Collaboration Operation	€2,891,714		Recommended for approval
North West Region Cross Border Group	NWRCBG Collaboration Operation		£4,054,545	Recommended for approval
North East Partnership	NEP Collaboration Operation		£1,654,000	Recommended for approval
DHSSPS	Putting Patients First		£24,000,000	LOO Issued
Centre for Cross Border Studies	Ireland/Northern Ireland Cross Border Co-operation Observatory		£1,441,098	LOO Issued
Second Chance Education Project for Women	Women Into Public Life	€850,705		Recommended for Approval
CMAL Scotland	Small Ferries Strategic Plan		£255,000	LOO Issued
DHSSPS	Driving Change		£1,257,421	Recommended for Approval
RNIB	Sensory Engagement Project		£1,866,037	Recommended for Approval
Signature	Deaf Communications Infrastructure		£962,080	Recommended for Approval
<b>Total Value Approved</b>		<b>€8,159,419</b>	<b>37,391,776</b>	
<b>Total Value Approved in EURO (exchange rate 1.1)</b>		<b>€9,290,373</b>		

### 3.4 Priority 2 Theme 2 – Infrastructure (€75 million)

The position remains as:

A total of four projects have been recommended for approval and three Letters of Offer issued in the Energy and Telecommunications sub-themes.

#### Energy

Three projects have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee under this theme and two Letters of Offer have been issued.

Table 4 below outlines the status of these projects, at 31 August 2009.

**Table 4 – Projects recommended for Approval – Priority 2, Theme 2 – Infrastructure - Energy**

Lead Partner	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
North East Partnership	RESOURCE	€2,469,880*		Recommended for Approval
Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS)	BioMara	€5,996,080		LOO Issued
Scottish Government	Irish Scottish Links on Energy Study (ISLES)		£1,600,000	LOO Issued
<b>Total Value Approved</b>		<b>€8,465,960</b>	<b>£1,600,000</b>	
<b>Total Value Approved in Euro (exchange rate 1.1)</b>		<b>€10,225,960</b>		

\* Subject to change

### Telecommunications

Table 5 shows the status of the one Telecommunications Project approved.

Lead Partner	Project Name	Amount Recommended for Approval or Actual Letter of Offer issued		Status
		Euro	Stg	
DETI	Project Kelvin	€30,000,000		LOO Issued
<b>Total Value Approved</b>		<b>€30,000,000</b>		
<b>Total Value Approved in Euro (exchange rate 1.1)</b>		<b>€30,000,000</b>		

#### 4.0 Steering Committees and Calls for Applications

A Steering Committee meeting was held in Newry on 10 June 2009. The date for the next Steering Committee meeting is to be confirmed.

A call for Environmental Management applications was opened on 15 May 2009 and closed on the 10 July 2009.

A call for applications has been announced within Priority 2 of the INTERREG IVA Programme. The theme under which this call is being made is; Rural Development and is set to close 30 September 2009.

## 5.0 Payments and Expenditure

The Central Payments Unit of SEUPB has issued payments to projects, as of 31 August 2009, for £989,412.52 and €9,075,422.21. The issued payments include payments to projects which still need to be vouched and verified in order to become expenditure. As at the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 €9,123,141 has been vouched and verified as expenditure on the RMA EU central database. The N+2 target for 2009 is €13,977,987.

## 6.0 Summary

As of 31 August 2009, 34 applications have been approved by Steering Committees. The value of those approved applications total €152.6million. To date, 18 Letters of Offer have been issued to successful Lead Partners to the value of €105,106,365.

Table 6 below summarises the current situation.

**Table 6 – Value of projects approved against budget**

Theme	Budget	Total Recommended for Approval	Letters of Offer Issued
1.1 – Enterprise	€70m	€33,699,519	€28,547,991
1.2 – Tourism	€30m	€29,337,931	€10,536,587
2.1 – Collaboration	€65m	€49,290,373	€28,265,708
2.2 – Infrastructure	€75m	€40,225,960	€37,756,080
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>€240m</b>	<b>€152,553,782</b>	<b>€105,106,365</b>
3.1 – Technical Assistance	€16m	€16,000,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€256m</b>	<b>€168,553,782</b>	<b>€105,106,365</b>